Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Recently, the powers of the Bench Magistrates have been enhanced and only simple cases will be tried by these courts. So far as the Chief Court is aware, the Magistrates are doing their work properly. It is only in very few cases that judgments are inaccurate. If the matter is brought to the notice of the Chief Court, there will be a remedy. Retired officers are often on the Bench.

Mr. Kullegowda.—Then we have no grievance.

Second Member of Council.—The powers of these courts have been enhanced. As three Magistrates will have to decide the case, people can expect justice. These courts are really very useful to the public.

SUBJECT No. 33.

Batta for assessors in criminal cases.

Mr. Kanchugar Kalappa, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Mr. Kalappa.—If Government servants are summoned as witnesses in Sessions cases, they get batta. Similarly the assessors also may be given batta for attending the courts, as they do so even at the sacrifice of their personal work.

If the assessors do not attend the court in time, they are liable to punishment. This is hard on them. In certain cases they have to attend the court for a number of days and this will cause them much inconvenience.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Assessors belong to the place.

Mr. Kalappa.—Cases drag on from eight to ten days and there is loss of income.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—No batta is paid to assessors in British India. Cases last for two or three days only, eight days is very exceptional. The service is honorary and payment is not desirable. If a man has served as assessor for a long period, the court will, on his representation, select some other man in his place and give him rest.

Mr. Kalappa.—It is not done. I have had to serve twice or thrice a year.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.-The Judge, if asked, will exempt you.

Dewan.—I do not think this is a good proposition.

SUBJECT No. 34.

Batta to witnesses attending Criminal Courts.

Mr. G B. Madhvachar, Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. G. B. Madhvachar.—*Batta* is paid to witnesses attending civil courts. It is necessary to show this concession to the witnesses attending the criminal courts also.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar and Dewan.—This is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 35.

Batta to be paid to witnesses in private criminal cases.

Mr. B. V. Rangaiya, French Rocks Sub-Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—*Batta* may be arranged to be paid to witnesses who are not Government servants in private criminal cases.

Dewan.—The question of paying *batta* to witnesses in private criminal cases is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 36.

Suits against officers for Civil damages.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa, Tuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa.—As per existing rules, raiyats are not allowed to sue officers who pass wilful orders and consequently cause them great loss and inconvenience. If people are allowed to bring suits against Government officers, for damages, it will facilitate matters.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—What rules do you refer to?